

## CLAIMS

1. A cosmetic or dermatological composition for topical use, comprising at least one steroidal hormone or anti-inflammatory agent, and a solvent for said hormone or anti-inflammatory agent comprising pentylene glycol.
2. The composition of claim 1, wherein the hormone is an androgen.
3. The composition of claim 1, comprising the steroidal anti-inflammatory agent which is selected from the group consisting of triamcinolone, hydrocortisone and derivatives of triamcinolone and hydrocortisone.
4. The composition of claim 1, comprising the steroidal anti-inflammatory agent which is triamcinolone acetate.
5. The composition of claim 1, further comprising at least one solvent other than pentylene glycol.
6. The composition of claim 5, wherein said at least one solvent comprises a glycol.
7. The composition of claim 5, wherein said at least one solvent is butylene glycol.
8. The composition of claim 5, wherein said at least one solvent is propylene glycol.
9. The composition of claim 5, wherein said at least one solvent comprises butylene glycol and propylene glycol.
10. The composition of claim 1, wherein amount of pentylene glycol is about 5 to about 70% by weight of said composition.
11. The composition of claim 5, wherein amount of said at least one glycol other than pentylene glycol is about 5% to about 50% by weight of said composition.
12. The composition of claim 1, which is an emulsion.
13. The composition of claim 1, which is a gel.
14. The composition of claim 1, which is an ointment.
15. The composition of claim 1, which is a lotion.
16. A cosmetic or dermatological composition comprising hydrocortisone, or a derivative thereof, and a solvent for said hydrocortisone comprising pentylene glycol.

17. The composition of claim 16, comprising a hydrocortisone derivative which is hydrocortisone acetate.
18. The composition of claim 16, comprising a hydrocortisone derivative which is hydrocortisone butyrate.
19. The composition of claim 16, wherein amount of hydrocortisone is about 0.1% to about 5% by weight of said composition.
20. The composition of claim 16, wherein amount of hydrocortisone is 4% or less by weight of said composition.
21. The composition of claim 16, wherein amount of hydrocortisone is about 1% by weight of said composition.
22. The composition of claim 16, further comprising at least one additional solvent other than pentylene glycol.
23. The composition of claim 22, wherein said at least one solvent is a glycol.
24. The composition of claim 22, wherein said at least one solvent is butylene glycol.
25. The composition of claim 22, wherein said at least one solvent is propylene glycol.
26. The composition of claim 22, wherein said at least one solvent comprises butylene glycol and propylene glycol.
27. The composition of claim 16, wherein amount of pentylene glycol is about 5 to about 70% by weight of said composition.
28. The composition of claim 16, wherein amount of pentylene glycol is about 5 to about 25% by weight of said composition.
29. The composition of claim 22, wherein amount of said at least one additional solvent other than pentylene glycol is about 10% to about 70% by weight of said composition.
30. The composition of claim 16, which is an emulsion.
31. The composition of claim 16, which is a gel.
32. The composition of claim 16, which is an ointment.
33. The composition of claim 16, which is a lotion.
34. The composition of claim 16, which is a shampoo.
35. A method of formulating a steroidal hormone or anti-inflammatory agent for use in a cosmetic or dermatological composition, comprising mixing said steroidal hormone or anti-

inflammatory agent and a solvent for said hormone or anti-inflammatory agent comprising pentylene glycol.

36. A method of formulating a hydrocortisone or derivative thereof for use in a cosmetic or dermatological composition, comprising mixing said hydrocortisone or a derivative thereof and a solvent for said hydrocortisone comprising pentylene glycol.

37. A method of treating skin or scalp, comprising applying to skin or scalp a composition comprising a steroidal hormone or anti-inflammatory agent, and a solvent for said hormone or anti-inflammatory agent comprising pentylene glycol.

38. A method of treating skin or scalp, comprising applying to skin or scalp a composition comprising hydrocortisone or a derivative thereof, and a solvent for said hydrocortisone comprising pentylene glycol.